

"....of so good a Judgment that he will not be given to understand black for white, nor presume more of himself than what he knoweth very manifestly to be true, and especially in those things which, if he bear well in mind the Lord Cesare rehearsed in his device of pastimes that we have many times used for an instrument to make many become foolish."¹ "Have alwaies in memory the benefittes you have receaved of others, and enforce your self to forgett suche iniuryes as others have Don unto you."² "They shall not thynke howe moche honour they receive, but howe moche care and burdene."³

"Live thou upon hill as thou would live in hall,
 What thou wouldst not do in open company,
 That do thou not alone, note that God seeth all,
 He sitteth and seeth when that thou art solitary;
 Wherefore in all places flee every villany,
 Of dedes, of wordes, of small thoughtes be pure,
 Till laudable custome be turned to nature."⁴

"Take heed that he be not like common jesters and parasites, and such as with fond matters move men to laugh, so in this brief kind the Courtier must be circumspect that he appear not malicious and venomous and speak taunts and quips only for spite and to touch the quick."⁵ Chesterfield: Letter XLIV, "We cannot like a man who is always commending and speaking well of himself, and who is the hero of his own story; on the contrary, a man who endeavors

1. The Courtier, p 71.

2. Queen Elizabeth's Achademy, p 75.

3. The Boke Named the Governour, p 118.

4. The Mirrour of Good Maners, p 25.

5. The Courtier, p 167.